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AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD

IT IS NOT A DREAM... OR A HOAX... OR A TRICK ENDING! NO-- IT REALLY HAPPENS...
AQUAMAN, WHOM FATE HAS CAST IN THE NEW ROLE OF KING OF ATLANTIS, IS
FORCED BY THE LAW OF THE SUNKEN CIVILIZATION TO CHOOSE, FROM AMONG THE
ATLANTEAN BELLES...

CHAPTER I

The Wife of AQUAMAN

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ATLANTIS -- THE UNDERSEA ANCESTRAL BIRTHPLACE OF AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD! HERE, THE SEA KING ANSWERS AN URGENT SUMMONS...

WE HAVE SENT FOR YOU, AQUAMAN, TO TELL YOU THAT OUR LEADER, LUNOR, IS DEAD!

I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT, MY FRIEND! WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TO SUCCEED HIM AS KING?

YOU AQUAMAN! YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE OUR PEOPLE COULD AGREE ON! OTHERWISE -- CIVIL WAR MIGHT RESULT!

BUT... YOU KNOW I'M NEEDED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, TUMOL!

YOU MAY CONTINUE YOUR PATROLS, AQUAMAN! NOW -- DO YOU ACCEPT THE CALL OF YOUR PEOPLE?

YES -- BUT ONLY TO AVOID THE BLOODSHED OF A CIVIL WAR!

AND NOW, AQUAMAN -- AS OUR ANCIENT LAW REQUIRES -- YOU MUST SELECT A GIRL FROM ATLANTIS -- AS YOUR WIFE!

THEN I CROWN YOU -- KING OF ATLANTIS!

THIS -- THIS IS GREAT, AQUAMAN... I MEAN, YOUR MAJESTY!

WHAA-A-A-T?
AS KING OF ATLANTIS, IT IS YOUR DUTY! THIS IS VERY SUDDEN...I'D LIKE A LITTLE TIME TO THINK IT OVER! BESIDES--ER--I'M LATE ON MY PATROL...COME ON, AQUALAD!

BUT...BUT...I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH ANY ONE OF THEM!

AS THE DUO OF THE DEEP LEAVES THE UNDERWATER WORLD... SUFFERING SARDINES! W-Will YOU REALLY MARRY ONE OF THOSE GIRLS, AQUAMAN?

I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO, AQUALAD... IT'S THE LAW!

SUDDENLY, ON THE SURFACE, DANGER TO ANOTHER FIGURE DRIVES ALL OTHER THOUGHTS FROM AQUAMAN'S MIND...

HELP!

AQUAMAN--LOOK! IT'S MERA--BEING CHASED BY A MAN RIDING A FANTASTIC CREATURE!

AS THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN MERA, FROM A PARALLEL, OTHER-DIMENSIONAL WATER WORLD, DESPERATELY DARTS FROM HER PURSUER...

KEEP AWAY!

NEVER, MERA--UNTIL YOU PROMISE TO BE MY QUEEN!
AT ONCE, THE SEA KING HURTLÉS TO THE RESCUE, BUT...

LEAPING LIONFISH! LOOK WHAT’S HAPPENING, AQUAMAN... HE’S CREATING ANOTHER CREATURE OUT OF WATER!

YES... AND HE’S SENDING IT AFTER ME—WHILE HE GOES AFTER MERA!

INSTANTLY, AQUAMAN USES HIS AMAZING POWER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE FISH OF THE SEA...

THAT’S IT, YOU GIANT EELS—FORM A POWERFUL CHAIN!

NEXT MOMENT, THE MARINE MONARCH SERIES AN END “LINK” OF THE EEL-CHAIN, AND...

THEN, AS HE RELEASES HIS HOLD...

WHOOOOOSH

HA, HA... RIGHT OVER THE THING!
AQUAMAN'S AIRBORNE RIDE LANDS HIM ALONGSIDE MERA, WHERE...

N-NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, AQUAMAN! TH- THEY'RE COMING AT US FROM OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS!

STEADY, MERA... STAY PERFECTLY STILL, UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL!

AQUAMAN'S AIRBORNE RIDE LANDS HIM ALONGSIDE MERA, WHERE...

MERA... WHO IS HE? AND WHY AREN'T YOU USING YOUR POWERS TO STOP HIM?

A MOMENT LATER, WITH PERFECT TIMING, AQUAMAN AND HIS PRETTY PARTNER DIVE, AS...

CRASH

GOOD WORK, AQUAMAN... THEY JUST ABOUT KNOCKED EACH OTHER OUT!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS HOPING! TAKE CARE OF MERA, AQUALAD, WHILE I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THAT CHARACTER AND HIS CREATURE!

BUT... AQUAMAN--
LOOK! M-MERA'S UNCONSCIOUS!

GREAT WAVES... WE MUST TAKE HER BELOW--AT ONCE!
SHORITLY IN AQUAMAN'S UNDERWATER CAVE...

AQUAMAN... YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH MERA, AREN'T YOU?

YES, AQUALAD... I -- I GUESS I'VE ALWAY BEEN IN LOVE WITH HER, BUT I NEVER REALIZED IT UNTIL NOW!

AQUALAD! SIGH, HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE LOOKS!

I THINK SHE ONLY FAINTED.

IS SHE OKAY?

BUT... YOU HAVE TO PICK A WIFE FROM AMONG THOSE ATLANTICAN GIRLS!

GOLLY -- HOW WILL YOU BREAK THE NEWS TO MERA?

I -- I DON'T KNOW!

AT THAT MOMENT...

MERA -- WHO WAS THAT MAN? AND WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR POWERS AGAINST HIM?

AQUAMAN! I -- I KNEW YOU WOULD SAVE ME, SOMEHOW!

"I -- I NO LONGER HAVE ANY POWERS, AQUAMAN! IT ALL BEGAN IN MY OWN WATER WORLD, WHERE..."

"I -- I FEAR YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO VISIT AQUAMAN IN THE OTHER WORLD!"

WHAT? I -- I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

"THE Ray MACHINE THAT OPENS AND CLOSES THE DIMENSIONAL WARP... IT IS BURNING OUT... AND IT WILL BE MANY, MANY YEARS BEFORE I CAN BUILD ANOTHER! ONLY ONE MORE OPENING AND CLOSING IS LEFT!"
“ONE THOUGHT BURNT THROUGH MY BRAIN, AS I GAZED AT THE KINDLY SCIENTIST...”

“Yes, my queen!”

“I CANNOT BEAR THE THOUGHT OF IT! FORGIVE ME, MY DEAR AND LOYAL SUBJECTS—but I could not live without Aquaman!”

“I MAY BE AN OLD WOMAN BEFORE I GET EYES ON AQUAMAN AGAIN!”

“MY HEART WAS TORN IN TWO AS I SWAM OUT OF MY WORLD, AND THEN WATCHED, AS...”

“WE UNDERSTAND, QUEEN MERA... GO WITH OUR LOVE!”

“The warp is closing—forever! I’ll never see my people again...”

“But just before the passage was sealed...”

“YES, MERA—IT IS I, OCEANUS! I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU—AND NOW... NOW THAT WE ARE THE ONLY ONES HERE FROM OUR WORLD, WE CAN COMBINE OUR POWERS... AND RULE THIS WORLD!”

“SOMEONE ELSE IS COMING OUT!”
BEGONE, YOU EVIL MAN! I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU! I'LL USE MY POWERS ALL RIGHT—but AGAINST YOU!

“BEFORE I COULD SWIM OFF, HOWEVER...”

“HAHA! YOU FORGOT PROFESSOR KEN'S RAY—which can PERMANENTLY DESTROY THE POWERS OF OUR PEOPLE! HE DESIGNED IT FOR USE AGAINST CRIMINALS—but I HAVE USED IT AGAINST YOU!”

NOW—NOW YOU ARE IN MY POWER! WILL YOU BE MY QUEEN?

NEVER... NEVER!

THE REST YOU KNOW! BUT ALL WILL BE WELL NOW, AQUAMAN—AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER!

SUFFERING SARDINES! HOW CAN AQUAMAN TELL MERA, NOW, THAT HE HAS TO MARRY AN ATLANTEAN GIRL?

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Tootsie Rolls go on and on after other candy is gone! Chew, chewy, chewy, chew, mmm!

LONG TIME! LONG TIME! CHEWY CHEWY TOOTsie ROLL LASTS A LONG TIME!
CHEERIOS N' MILK GIVE US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN' PROTEIN...

AND LOTS OF GO-GO-GO!

YOU MEAN EVERYONE SHOULD GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF CHEERIOS?

ZOOM!

YES INDEEDY!

BUT THEY SHOULD WATCH WHERE THEY'RE GOING!

RRRIP!

BIG & CIRCUS
CHAPTER 2

The WIFE of AQUAMAN

IS--IS ANYTHING WRONG, AQUAMAN? YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING, AREN'T YOU? BE HONEST... TELL ME WHAT IT IS!

YOU'RE RIGHT, MERA... I MUST TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

SUDDENLY AWARE OF AQUAMAN'S STRAINED FACE--SENSING HIS AGITATION--MERA PRESSES FOR AN EXPLANATION...

YOU SEE, I CANT NEVER MARRY YOU!

WHAT? YOU TELL ME THIS AFTER I GAVE UP MY PEOPLE, MY KINGDOM--EVERYTHING -- TO BE WITH YOU?

WAIT... YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND MERA!

DON'T SAY ANYMORE! I--I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN... I--I HATE YOU!

B--BUT... B--BUT...

AS MERA SWIMS OFF IN A BITTER RAGE...

AQUAMAN! DON'T LET HER GO! CALL HER BACK!

AND--AND TELL HER WHAT? THAT I LOVE HER... AND WANT TO MARRY HER? YOU--YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T THE RIGHT!

AS KING OF ATLANTIS--I AM OBLIGATED BY LAW TO--TO MARRY AN ATLANTEAN GIRL!
HEARTBROKEN AND PUZZLED BY THE UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS, MERA SWIMS ABOUT AIMLESSLY, UNTIL...

I-- I'M SO TIRED... AND WRETCHED! I WOULD HAVE TRUSTED AQUAMAN WITH MY LIFE! WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!

WEARYLY, SHE TRUDGES UP THE BEACH...

...UNAWARE OF THE MENACE THAT THREATENS FROM BEHIND!

NEXT INSTANT...

...GEEEEK

A MOMENT LATER...

HA, HA! I COULD FINISH YOU OFF FOR GOOD, MERA-- BY A SIMPLE COMMAND TO MY WATER CREATURE-- IF I WANTED TO...

...I-- I DON'T CARE IF YOU DO! ALL IS LOST!

NO-- DON'T SAY THAT, MERA! I REALLY LOVE YOU-- AND I'LL PROVE IT!
PROUDLY, THE EVIL OCEANUS DISPLAYS FANTASTIC POWER POSSESSED BY ALL DENIZENS OF MERA'S FORMER WATER WORLD... ALL EXCEPT MERA NOW...

THERE! I AM RETURNING THE CREATURE TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM—WATER!

YOU SEE, MY DEAR MERA—I HAVE RELEASED YOU ON MY OWN! NOW LEAVE ME TO MY LONELINESS!

PLEASE DON'T FEEL BADLY, OCEANUS! I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO FEEL LONELY!

MAYBE YOU AREN'T AS BAD AS I THOUGHT! I WAS WRONG ABOUT AQUAMAN... MAYBE I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, TOO!

HA-HA! IT'S WORKING! SHE IS BEGINNING TO TRUST ME!

CONVINCED THAT HE HAS A CHANCE TO WIN THE LOVE OF MERA, OCEANUS PLAYS HIS TRUMP CARD...

LISTEN, MERA... I—I HAVE FOUND AN UNDERWATER KINGDOM IN THIS WORLD—WHERE WE CAN REIGN TOGETHER!

IN THIS WORLD? YOU MUST BE JOKING?

NO, NO, I MEAN IT! WAIT HERE FOR ME... I SHALL RETURN TO FETCH YOU—MY FUTURE QUEEN!
THE SCHEMING OCEANUS PLUNGES INTO THE WATER--AND AFTER A SPEEDY SWIM...

AH--THERE IT IS... THE FUTURE HOME OF KING OCEANUS AND QUEEN MERA!

TENSE MINUTES LATER, THE ATLANTEANS LISTEN IN ASTONISHMENT TO A SHOCKING ANNOUNCEMENT:

RECOGNIZE ME AS YOUR MONARCH--WE ALREADY HAVE A KING!

BUT, BUT, WE ALREADY HAVE A KING!

THEN--CAST HIM OUT! AND CLEAN UP THOSE TWO THRONES... I AM BRINGING ALONG A QUEEN TO JOIN ME!

SEIZE THE IMPOSTOR! AQUAMAN WILL KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM!

IT--IT IS AGAINST THE LAW FOR OUTSIDERS TO RULE ATLANTIS!

BUT AS THE BRAVE, LOYAL ATLANTEANS CHARGE, OCEANUS RAISES HIS HAND AND...

SHADES OF NEPTUNE! HE'S FORMING TINY WARRIORS OUT OF THE VERY WATER ITSELF!
AQUAMAN

YES... AN ARMY OF TORPEDO WARRIORS WHO WILL SACRIFICED THEMSELVES IN MY SERVICE!

A DEADLY ONSLAUGHT ENSUES, AS...

WE... WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THEM!

BEATEN BACK, THE HAPLESS ATLANTEANS FACE TOTAL DESTRUCTION, WHEN...

ENDTGH: I--I CANNOT ALLOW EVERY LAST ATLANTIAN TO DIE IN A HOPELESS BATTLE! WE-- WE SURRENDER!

WHERE IS OUR NEW KING... AQUAMAN? IT--IT WAS A MISTAKE TO NAME HIM OUR LEADER-- FOR HE WAS NOT HERE WHEN WE DESPERATELY NEEDED HIM!

YES... A GRAVE MISTAKE... BUT FORGET HIM... YOU NOW HAVE A NEW KING TO SERVE... I, OCEANUS!
HAHA! STAND GUARD, LITTLE WARRIORS—WHILE I GO FETCH MY QUEEN!

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE OF THE GRIM CATASTROPHE THAT HAS STRUCK THEIR ANCESTRAL HOME-LAND, AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD CONTINUE THEIR PATROL, EACH LOST IN HIS GLOOMY THOUGHTS...

I— I WONDER WHERE MERA IS NOW? POOR AQUAMAN—HE CAN'T GET MERA OUT OF HIS MIND!

JUST THEN... AQUAMAN... THAT SIGNAL FISH— IT'S BLINKING OUT AN S.O.S.!

UPON REACHING THEIR DESTINATION... ODD... EVERYTHING SEEMS PEACEFUL ENOUGH IN ATLANTIS. YES, BUT WE'D BETTER GO IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK, JUST THE SAME!

YES, TROUBLE IN ATLANTIS! COME ON, AQUALAD!

AQUAMAN! THOSE TINY TORPEDO-LIKE MEN... WHERE'D THEY COME FROM?

IT'S WHERE THEY'RE GOING THAT BOTHERS ME!

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HOW'S TRIX?
WORTH WISHING FOR...

WITH THE TANGY TASTE OF NATURAL FRUIT!
FRUIT COLORS, TOO!

AND AS WE ALL KNOW...

TRIX ARE FOR KIDS!

How far can the roar of waterfalls be heard?
Victoria Falls, Africa, can be heard 20 miles away... the spray is visible for 10 miles!

What letter of the alphabet is both a consonant and a vowel?
Y is a consonant at the beginning of a syllable... a vowel at the end of a syllable!
As the torpedo-men attack in force...

The fastest pair in the sea darts about like eels—until... they're getting confused and colliding into each other! Keep it up!

What we need right now is some speed, Aqualad!

Now for a counter-attack!

Moving swifter than the diminutive eyes can follow, the aquatic aces seize a pair of torpedo-men, and...

This is giving them a taste of their own medicine!

Now, inspired by the daring and skill of their king, the Atlanteans join the fray.

We're beating them!
But without warning, the tide of battle swiftly turns, as... Aquaman! The water around us swirling powerfully...

...and... and hardening like steel! We're prisoners!

Yes, Aqualad. And look who made the capture!

Oceanus... and... King Oceanus—And Queen Mera to you! Meet the new rulers of Atlantis!

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What makes a Tootsie Pop so special?

This is the Tootsie Roll center

6 Scrumptious Flavors. Get some!

It's the only Pop with chewy chewy Tootsie Roll inside!
LIFE on Earth, as we all know, began under water, hundreds of millions of years ago, with tiny, single-celled organisms. Through the geological ages, these organisms progressed into the more complicated species of fish, reptiles, amphibians and mammals—the last group being total land dwellers.

Among the mammals, however, were groups that instinctively reversed the evolutionary process, and went back to living in the sea. Over the eons of time, their bodies re-adapted to watery life, though they still remained air-breathing, warm-blooded mammals.

The best example of mammalian adaptation to the sea is the whale, which many people still regard as a fish. Few are aware that the whale was once very animal-like in its bodily structure. Its stabilizing fins, in the forward part of its body, were once a pair of forelegs. At one time, it also possessed a pair of hindlegs, which have now completely disappeared. Whales once possessed ears and noses—now they are left with tiny holes where the ears used to be, and the noses have been replaced by the blowholes atop their heads. To look at whales, it's hard to believe that they actually evolved on land.

What brought these mammals back to the sea? Food would seem to be the answer. Unlike land, the oceans and rivers never run short of nourishment for their inhabitants. Many a land-dwelling species has died out for lack of food, and perhaps the original whales, which lived on land, would have perished, too, were it not for their adaptability to a seagoing life.

Another famous mammal that returned to the sea is the seal, whose world population outstrips that of any living mammalian species. Seals have evolved into two basic groups: eared seals, which, as their name indicates, still have external ears; true seals, whose forms bear closer resemblance to fish. Eared seals still have two pairs of flippers (once legs) that enable them to walk on land. There is also the walrus, who seems to be a cross between the eared seal and the true seal.

In the case of seals, it is likely that, in addition to needing food, they went back to the sea in order to escape enemy species. Built as they were, seals made very poor land fighters. Small wonder they were tempted back to water.

Like their relatives on land, seagoing mammals are hunted and trapped for the valuable products they offer man. Whale meat is a table delicacy. Whales also provide us with ambergris, the substance used in perfumes to preserve their scent. Whale oil is still the best lubricant for precision instruments, and whalebone is a sturdy foundation for various products. Many a fur coat is made from the pelts of certain breeds of seals. Walrus tusks are still a source of ivory.

How well have mammals benefited by their return to the sea? For millions of years, they thrived happily, while their bodies evolved to accommodate their new surroundings. Unfortunately, during the past few centuries, their luck has changed, thanks to a new enemy—man. Like the American buffalo, many seagoing mammals have been brought to near-extinction because hunters have been killing them off faster than they can reproduce. Only recently, through international agreements and protection of breeding grounds, have these creatures gotten a new lease on life—although it will take centuries more for their world population to reach earlier heights.
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AND NOW TO MAKE CERTAIN I HAVE A PEACEFUL REIGN, MY FIRST ROYAL COMMAND WILL BE TO-- ORDER YOUR EXECUTION!

MERA-- SURELY, YOU CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN! YOU MUST SAVE AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD!

OH, MUST I?

WHY SHOULD I HELP THE MAN WHO MADE A FOOL OF ME? I-- I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO EITHER OF THEM!

HA, HA! NOW I AM CONVINCED THAT IT'S REALLY ME YOU LOVE, MY DEAR!
SIGH. IT IS HOPELESS, AQUAMAN...
DON'T BLAME HER... IT WAS I WHO MADE HER SO COLD AND CALLOUS!

TIGHTER AND TIGHTER DRAW THE WATER BANDS, AS...
I CAN HARDLY CATCH MY BREATH, AQUAMAN!

HA, HA! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

BUT JUST THEN...
HMPH. THIS IS HARDLY A SUITABLE REVENGE FOR WHAT I HAVE SUFFERED AT AQUAMAN'S HANDS, OCEANUS!

YES, MY KING... AN IDEA TO HUMILIATE AQUAMAN--AS HE HUMILIATED ME!

HA, HA! TELL ME MORE!

WELL... WE'LL BE NEEDING SOME SERVANTS, WON'T WE?

HO, HO, HO:
THOSE TWO FAMED UNBEATABLE HEROES--OUR SERVANTS--WHAT A BRILLIANT IDEA!
AND SO, IN THE DISMAL DAYS THAT FOLLOW...

KEEP MOPPING! I WANT THAT FLOOR SPANKING CLEAN! AND NO TRICKS... REMEMBER, MY CREATURE GUARDS ARE WATCHING YOU!

HURRY, HURRY... MORE FOOD!

ARE YOU HAPPY, MY DEAR?

YES, OCEANUS--HAPPIER THAN I'VE EVER BEEN! I KNOW YOU WOULD NEVER BETRAY ME!

THEN--THEN NAME OUR WEDDING DATE! WHEN SHALL IT BE?

WHY--AS SOON AS YOU HAVE BUILT A SUITABLE TEMPLE, SUCH AS THE ONE WE HAD IN OUR OWN WORLD!

IT SHALL BE STARTED AT ONCE--INCLUDING TWO GIANT-SIZED STATUES OF THE HAPPY BRIDE AND GROOM--QUEEN MERA AND KING OCEANUS!

ROUND UP A LARGE WORK FORCE--AND MAKE SURE AQUAMAN AND AQUALAD DO THEIR SHARE OF THE LABOR!
THUS, DAY BY DAY, A STRANGE NEW EDIFICE RISES IN THE UNDERSEA KINGDOM.

OCEANUS HAS TURNED ALL ATLANTIS INTO A SLAVE LABOR CAMP!

AND LOOK... WORK ON THE STATUES IS ALMOST COMPLETE!

LISTEN, AQUALAD--OCEANUS IS SO INVOLVED ABOUT THE WORK, HE'S STOPPED THINKING ABOUT US! THIS MAY BE OUR ONLY CHANCE TO ... [continued in text]

THAT SAME NIGHT, IN THE BARRACKS WHERE THE HAPLESS PRISONERS SPENDS EACH NIGHT...

WE'LL HAVE TO GET THESE CHAINS OFF FIRST AQUAMAN!

I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THAT!

MINUTES LATER...

THAT'S IT SAW FISH--KEEP GOING.
AQUAMAN

SHORTLY, AS THE CHAINS FALL FREE...
NOW... HOW DO WE GET PAST THOSE CREATURE GUARDS SURROUNDING THE BARRACKS?
I'VE SENT OUT SOME TELEPATHIC COMMANDS TO TAKE CARE OF THAT, TOO!

SURE ENOUGH, AT THIS VERY INSTANT, A GROUP OF OCTOPUS WORK SWIFTLY AND SILENTLY...
NEXT, THE COMBINED POWER OF MANY TENTACLES IS THROWN INTO A DESPERATE TUG-OF-WAR...

...TYING A CHAIN AROUND THE NECK OF THE STATUE OF OCEANUS...
FINALLY...

CRASH

THERE IT GOES!
THE CREATURES ARE RACING OFF TO INVESTIGATE! THIS IS OUR CHANCE, AQUALAD.

A SPEEDY SWIM TAKES THE DARING DUO TO A REMOTE SPOT...

BEFORE LONG... WE MUST KNOCK HIM OUT BEFORE HE CAN AWAKEN AND USE HIS POWERS AGAINST US--THEN, GET HIM AWAY FROM THE WATER HE CONTROLS!

ABRUPTLY...

BUT AS THE COVER IS THROWN OFF...

WHY... IT'S--IT'S ONLY A WATER IMAGE OF OCEANUS!
YES...HA, HA! I OUTSMARTED YOU FOR THE LAST TIME, AQUAMAN!

WH-WHAT IS HAPPENING? YOU ARE JUST IN TIME, MERA--TO SEE YOUR FORMER FRIENDS PERISH! I AM SICK OF THEIR TRICKS! AFTER THEM!

AS THE CREATURE FOUNCES ON ITS PREY, YOUR TIME HAS REALLY COME -- TO DIE!

W-WE'RE DONE FOR THIS TIME, AQUAMAN?

BUT ALL AT ONCE, AN UNEXPECTED TWIST... I'LL TAKE THAT WEAPON.

M-MERA! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

IT--IT MEANS THAT I STILL LOVE AQUAMAN--AND ALWAYS WILL--NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DONE TO HURT ME!

BUT... BUT BY FIRING IT, AND REMOVING MY POWERS, YOU STILL WON'T BE SAVING THEIR LIVES!
HEAR MY BARGAIN, MERA... IF YOU LET ME ESCAPE, I WILL SPARE THEIR LIVES!

ALL RIGHT, OCEANUS-- IT'S A BARGAIN!

A WAVE OF THE HAND, AND...

TH--THE CREATURE GUARD IS VANISHING!

AND SO AM I!

I UNDERSTAND, AQUAMAN! YOU MUST OBEY THE LAW-- AND MARRY ONLY AN ATLANTEAN GIRL! I-- I'LL GO NOW!

WAIT, MERA!

LATER AFTER AQUAMAN FULLY EXPLAINS WHY HE CANNOT MARRY MERA...

AFTER WHAT MERA JUST DID FOR ATLANTIS, SHE SHOULD BE NAMED AN-- AN HONORARY ATLANTEAN!

WHY, AQUALAD-- THAT'S A TERRIFIC IDEA! AND AS KING, I HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT! MERA-- I HEREBY NAME YOU AN HONORARY ATLANTEAN!

AND NOW-- NOW I CAN ASK YOU TO MARRY ME!

WE'D BETTER START MAILING OUT THE INVITATIONS RIGHT AWAY. WHO SHOULD WE INVITE?

EVERYBODY! I WANT EVERYONE TO SHARE MY HAPPINESS!

MY-- MY DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE!
AND SO, BEFORE LONG, THE MOST GALA WEDDING OF ALL TIME TAKES PLACE IN ATLANTIS--AN EVENT THAT BRINGS TO THE SCENE THE MOST SENSATIONAL GUESTS OF ALL TIME...

AQUAMAN AND MERA--I HEREBY PRONOUNCE YOU... MAN AND WIFE!

THEY MAKE A GREAT COUPLE, J'ONZ!

THEY SURE DO, SUPERMAN!

I LIKE CHOCOLATE FUDGE BEST!
I LIKE VANILLA FUDGE BEST!

...BUT EVERYONE LIKES TOOTSIE ROLL FUDGE BEST! IT'S CREAMY, SMOOTH, DELICIOUS!

Get some!
L.C. LEPRECHAUN

AYE, LITTLE RABBIT—'TIS LUCK TO CATCH A LEPRECHAUN!

BUT NOBODY CAN!

'COURSE IF THEY DID—THEY'D CATCH MY LUCKY CHARMS!

'TIS A CHARMIN' CEREAL—SIMPLY...

HEY!

OH DEER!

CHARMIN'!

Lucky Charms
New toasted oat cereal with marshmallow bits in lucky shapes!

'Tis a charmin' cereal... simply charmin'
Honesty IS the Best Policy!

Look, fellers! A wallet--with five bucks in it! Now we can all go to the movies!

Let's get something to eat first... I'm hungry!

Wait a minute... this doesn't belong to us. We should return it!

Aw, the guy'll never miss it, anyway. We don't know who lost it...

There's no identification card here--but there's a prescription made out by Dr. Brown to a Joseph Wilson...

There's Dr. Brown now--he can tell us where to find Mr. Wilson...

Ahha! You guys are dumb... finders keepers!

Joseph Wilson? Oh, sure--he was just at my office a while ago... he's been pretty sick. He lives over at 27 Eagle Street.

Let's go, fellers!

Why, Uncle Joe! You--you're Joseph Wilson!

Sure, that's me... so you found my wallet? I'm so glad--I was looking all over for it... thanks, boys--it was real nice of you!

Gosh! I didn't know it would be our school janitor!

What difference does it make? Ted was right--and I'm sure glad we returned what didn't belong to us!

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